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In re Application of	:	
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Application No.: 09/050,292	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filing Date: March 30, 1998	:	TO WITHDRAW THE
For: METHOD OF PRODUCING TWO	:	HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
DOMAINS WITHIN A LIQUID	:	
CRYSTAL LAYER AND LIQUID	:	
CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE	:	

This is a decision on the "PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT" filed on November 1, 1999. There is no fee for this petition.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the Application file reveals that on October 1, 1999, Petitioner filed a letter referring to a telephone conference that took place between the Petitioner and the Examiner on September 27, 1999. The letter indicated that during the conference Petitioner notified Examiner that a Request for Reconsideration in response to the Office Action dated February 8, 1999 had been mailed on May 7, 1999. The letter included the following three attachments: (1) a copy of the Request for Reconsideration with a Certificated of Mailing dated May 7, 1999 signed by Margery B. Hood; (2) a copy of the return postcard (not date stamped by the USPTO) that was allegedly mailed with the Request for Reconsideration; and (3) a "Declaration of Margery B. Hood" in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 (b)(3).

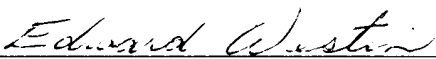
On October 13, 1999, a Notice of Abandonment signed by the Examiner was mailed holding the Application to be abandoned for failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter mailed on February 8, 1999. On November 1, 1999, Petitioner filed the present petition along with a copy of the letter filed on October 1, 1999 as well as copies of the three attachments that were included with the letter.

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Petitioner contends that a proper response (i.e., the Request for Reconsideration) to the Office Action dated February 8, 1999 was mailed on May 7, 1999 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8. The "Declaration of Margery B. Hood" outlines the normal mailing procedure that is practiced at the law firm and attests on a personal knowledge to the mailing of the Request for Reconsideration on May 7, 1999. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 (b), the evidence is sufficient to consider the Request for Reconsideration filed with the letter on October 1, 1999 to be timely.

The Notice of Abandonment mailed October 13, 1999 is **VACATED**.

The Application is being forwarded to the Technical Support Staff for entry of the Request for Reconsideration filed with the letter on October 1, 1999. The Application will then be forwarded to the Examiner for consideration of the Request.

  
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